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Dave graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1987 with a B.S. in Agriculture, as well as the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, College Park with a two-year degree in Agribusiness Management.

Dave began his career with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 1988 as a Soil Conservation Planner in the Worcester Soil Conservation District and served as District Manager there from 1991 to 1994. In 1994 he became the Eastern Shore Regional Coordinator for MDA Resource Conservation. Dave has been responsible for coordinating activities with the nine Eastern Shore counties on behalf of MDA.

In 1997 and 1998 he supervised a coordinated effort between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Department of the Environment to assess the condition of farms in Pfiesteria affected watersheds on the Eastern Shore. During that time, he also coordinated efforts on behalf of MDA with numerous media sources as well as federal, state and local agencies involved in the Pfiesteria response.

Since 1998 he has been the lead contact for agricultural complaints on the Eastern Shore and has worked closely with MDE to provide follow-up and corrective actions on farms. Dave has represented the Maryland Department of Agriculture on poultry related issues that include EPA's CAFO inspections, development of the stormwater management template for use with new poultry house site design and coordination with the Maryland Department of the Environment, AFO Program working to assist farmers understand and comply with Maryland's General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations.